TRB Urban Data & Information Systems Committee
Mid-Year Meeting Notes
Rosen Plaza, Orlando, Florida

1) Introductions, Ed Christopher, Chair
   Attendees: Paul Shuldiner, Ed Limoges, David Pearson, Mark Schlappi, Jean Wolf, Gene Bandy, Jeremy Myers, Ralph Gillmann, Tom Pamerlee

2) Committee Business
   a) Membership – Ed distributed a list of existing and proposed members. There are 6 openings and he requested nominations (with resumes) to be sent to him. His main aim was to provide a broad coverage of professionals within the committee. He also mentioned the need for persons in the "under 30" group. [It was later discussed that committee members could send Ed an updated resume or topics of concentration for better distribution of paper reviews.] Ed distributed the "Scope & Mission" of the committee. It was referred to many times at the meeting (it was written in size 18 font). Ed presented the idea of a list serve for the committee for more communication on committee topics.
   b) Paper Review Subcommittee – Ed asked for a subcommittee to help monitor and distribute the annual TRB papers for review. Given the overlap of topics among committees, Ed will need to act as a "go between" so that certain papers "head" in the right topic direction. Volunteers for the subcommittee included: Dave Pearson, Paul Shuldiner & Ed Limoges.
   c) Subcommittees – Census (Bob Sicko, Chair) – A 7-minute video is available and is to be presented to elected officials, states, and MPOs.
      • Another subset of Census Subcommittee – Need for a conference on use of 2000 CTPP and introduction of American Community Survey (ACS). NCHRP 08-48 was just approved looking at ACS and its benefits to the transportation planning community. Perhaps a conference could be scheduled in May 2005 pulling together these census topics. With these data, "security" could also be another topic discussed. The data will stimulate research and peer-to-peer interaction. A motion was presented and approved to support this idea: May 2005 Census Conference.
      • Work with the Travel Monitoring Committee to cover ADUS topics; maybe a joint subcommittee is needed? Shawn Turner seems to be the lead on this topic. Data archiving on traffic data is needed. Much of this work is in draft stages at this time. Remember to save your data for INFOstructure.
      • Urban Metadata (Marcus Wigan, Chair). Ed distributed a proposal to do a workshop with AFT on data gaps and the benefits of addressing them. It was proposed for the European Transport Conference in December 2002. No immediate reaction was recorded although it was agreed that Marcus would be the best to carry this forward.
   d) Upcoming Issues (January Planning)
      • TRB is sending out the paperwork on new and the renewal of committee members

- Paper call for TRB, 2003 in conjunction with the survey Methods committee (A1D10) – Integration of HH surveys and GPS. Jean Wolf volunteered to produce the call for papers.
- 2000 Census – cool ways to display census data either in poster session, presentations or invited posters. Ed will work with Bob Sicko on a paper call for a poster session. There should be lots of census data to report on.

3) TRB Critical Issues – Much discussion occurred on the critical issues paper.
   a) One of the main areas of discussion was a look at land use/transportation interaction. How is it measured?
   b) Discussion occurred on VMT increases and why are people traveling more? If a variable is constrained, what effect will that have?
   c) How do people value time? A look at toll lanes.
   d) Waste of time measurement – congestion impact.
   e) Measure of Metropolitan Metadata Structure (i.e., density measures of CBDs)
   f) Data on commuting to CBDs; includes measures of how desirable to go to CDBs. What is driving the businesses to locate where they do?

Ed took the major points to the meeting to the National Data Committee (A5016) to discuss critical issues.

4. Conferences of Note
   - Planning Applications Committee – call abstracts (due August 16, 2002)
   - Travel Behavior Conference, Lucerne, August 2003

5. Meeting adjourned 3:00 P.M.

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